(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to financial constraints conversion of canal loop from MG to BG cannot be taken up for the present. Transhipment of MG traffic from canal loop into BG is being done at Hissar. With the reduced traffic now obtaining on the MG, the need for providing transhipment facilities at Suratgarh does not exist.

Demands Made by Railway Vendors' Unions

2759. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some unions of the railway vendors at various railway stations in the country have raised certain demands;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received.

(b) Main demands pertain to change in the policy for absorption as regular Railway employees, use of disposable cups, increase of commission.

(c) The demands have been examined and it has been decided not to change the existing policy.

Removal of Unauthorised Hawkers from Railway Platforms

2760. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board have issued instructions from time to time to Zonal Railways launching special drives to remove unauthorised hawkers of news papers/magazines who are selling obscene literature;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Northern Railway have not implemented these instructions so far and a large number of unauthorised hawkers are still selling obscene literature on platforms at Kanpur, Delhi and New Delhi Stations; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch a drive at their own level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Size of Book Stalls at Major Railway Stations

2761. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions in August, 1988 from Members of Parliament regarding fixing of the size of Book-Stalls at Major Railway Station in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Govt. thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was suggested that at major stations the size of book-stalls should